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REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2003, claims 1, 12-17, 19 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 2, 3 and 18 have been amended. Therefore, claims 2-11 and 18 are now in the case. The Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 to place the above-referenced application in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

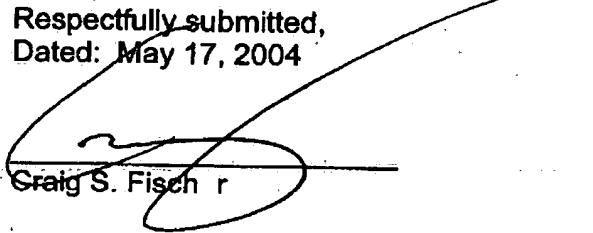
Allowable Subject Matter

The final Office Action objected to claims 2-11 and 18 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. However, the final Office Action stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, the Applicant has rewritten these claims to place them in condition for allowance. Moreover, with the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 12-17, 19 and 20 in this amendment, all of the claims in this application are allowable. The Applicant submits, therefore, that subject application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this subject application to issue.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,
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